

CITY OF GRANDVIEW



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I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), this patented or proprietary item is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities.

Re: Main Street Phase 3 - STP-33224 Kathryn Harvey, State Design Engineer

Dear Mr. Landvik

The following information is intended to demonstrate that there is a financial and aesthetic benefit to utilizing proprietary specifications in terms of landscape elements on the Grandview Main Street Corridor Revitalization Project – Phase III. We are requesting an exemption from MoDOT Section 136.9.2.6 for: pedestrian scale streetlights, benches, litter receptacles, and colored/stamped concrete that will be used on the said project. Though other products/brands of these landscape components would meet the functionality and durability requirements desired by the City, utilizing different products than those used on previous phases would not fit within the aesthetic standard established throughout the streetscape project thus far. During the initial phases of the project, the design team, along with the City spent multiple public meetings and conducted visual preference studies to insure that the landscape amenities used on the project would fit within the desired “feel” for the corridor. This was especially true with the selection of streetlights. The Providence LED by Architectural Area Lighting provided a unique asset in that it is highly efficient and modern, yet holds aesthetics cues attributed to more historic period style lighting desired by the public. The selection of benches, litter receptacles and concrete patterns were also selected through this process. By specifying the trade name products listed below, the City of Grandview will insure a seamlessly completed streetscape with identical landscape elements throughout all phases of the Main Street corridor.

	Providence LED by AAL	Scarborough Bench by Landscape Forms	Scarborough Litter Receptacle by Landscape Forms	Colored/Stamped Concrete
Phase 1	36	10	8	13,001 SF
Phase 2	38	12	6	6,620 SF
Proposed Phase 3	16	4	2	2,790 SF

*The above Table shows the number of landscape elements used in phases 1 and 2 as well as the numbers proposed for phase

Additionally, by specifying the same products as previous phases, the City will see a cost savings and ease of maintenance in the future. City staff will only have to be trained on maintenance of one type of luminaire and spare parts, paint, and lamps that will work universally along the project corridor can be stored by the City.

We are also requesting exemption to the article for the colored concrete to be used on site. Color and stamp variations/quality vary greatly among the different manufacturers. It would be extremely difficult to insure that the color and stamp patterns of the decorative concrete of Phase 3 match those used in the previous two phases unless they were specified by exact product name and manufacturer.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Larry R. Finley".

Larry R. Finley

City Engineer

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